Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Elizabeth L. Johnson, and we are richer because Elizabeth lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Elizabeth was born on October 31, 1925, in Aberdeen, South Dakota, to Floyd and Kate Payne, and she grew up in rural Mansfield, South Dakota, and graduated from Aberdeen Central High School; and,

Whereas, Elizabeth married Dennis E. Johnson on November 30, 1944, resided in rural Mansfield, and to this union they were blessed with 4 children, 11 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Elizabeth resides in Aberdeen and will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather on October 17, 2015, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 31, 2015, as

ELIZABETH L. JOHNSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her family and friends in wishing her a happy birthday.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State